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1. The 1, 3, and 6 North Korean Divisions were in the T'osong-ni (126-27, 37-57) (BT-7603) area in mid-August.
2. In mid-August, 2,000 Chinese Communist troops were observed in Hwangju (125-47, 38-40) (YC-4283), and 500 North Korean troops were in Kalch'on (125-25, 38-43) (YC-1097).
3. On 15 July, 30 Soviet artillery pieces, of approximately 200-mm. caliber, were moved north through Hwangju. On 15 August, 12-mm. (sic) guns moved north through Kungyo (126-29, 38-10) (BT-8027).
4. From 15 to 20 July, 27 tanks moved south through Hwangju. Some bore British markings. On 31 July, eight of the tanks moved north through Hwangju. All the tank crews were Chinese Communists.
5. On 8 July, six truck convoys moved south through Hwangju. Soviets wearing uniforms with white tunics were in the lead truck. The remaining five trucks carried materiel. All drivers were Chinese Communists. All north and south-bound convoys stop at the local Chinese Communist committee headquarters, approximately 1.2 miles north of Hwangju in a settlement called Kaeng Koge (sic) (approximately 125-47, 38-41).
6. There is an airstrip under construction at Pyonchon, approximately 5 miles southeast of Hwangju. No runways had been constructed by 15 August but there was a leveled area 4,000 meters square. Five freight cars loaded with steel matting for the runways were bombed in mid-July and the matting was totally lost. Chinese Communist officers direct the work on the field.
7. There are 400 to 500 United Nations and South Korean POW's working on the Pyonchon airstrip. The POW's were quartered in houses scattered through Pyonchon. Most POW's have no shoes, wear discarded enemy uniforms. Early on the morning of 22 July nine B-29's bombed the field. Four truckloads of dead were taken out but there were no casualties among the United Nations POW's.
8. One United States pilot was observed being taken north in an enemy jeep in late July. It was rumored that this pilot's plane crashed near Sirmak and

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the three crew members disappeared. It was not known whether they escaped or were captured.

9. The local inhabitants and many armed guerrillas in Hwangju are sympathetic to United Nations fliers.

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1. Comment. These may be Bren gun carriers.

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